

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 16-188V

Filed: May 20, 2016

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SUSAN KELLER,

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Petitioner,

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v.

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SECRETARY OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Ruling on Entitlement; Concession;
Influenza (“Flu”) Vaccine; Shoulder
Injury Related to Vaccine Administration
 (“SIRVA”); Special Processing Unit
 (“SPU”)

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Respondent.

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Ronald C. Homer, Conway, Homer & Chin-Caplan, P.C., Boston, MA, for petitioner.
Traci R. Patton, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.

RULING ON ENTITLEMENT¹

Dorsey, Chief Special Master:

On February 8, 2016, Susan Keller (“petitioner”) filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, et seq.,² (the “Vaccine Act”). Petitioner alleges that as a result of receiving an influenza (“flu”) vaccine on November 17, 2014, she suffered a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (“SIRVA”). Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit (“SPU”) of the Office of Special Masters.

On May 19, 2016, respondent filed her Rule 4(c) Report in which she conceded that petitioner is entitled to compensation in this case. Respondent’s Rule 4(c) Report at 1. Specifically, respondent concluded that petitioner’s alleged injury is consistent with SIRVA, and that it was caused in fact by the flu vaccine she received on or about November 17, 2014. *Id.* Respondent further stated that no other causes for petitioner’s SIRVA were identified, and records show that she suffered the sequela of her injury for

¹ Because this unpublished ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims’ website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012) (Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services). In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, the undersigned agrees that the identified material fits within this definition, the undersigned will redact such material from public access.

² National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all “§” references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2012).

more than six months. *Id.* Thus, based on the medical evidence, petitioner has met the statutory requirements for entitlement to compensation. *Id.*

In view of respondent's concession and the evidence in the record, the undersigned finds that petitioner is entitled to compensation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Nora Beth Dorsey

Nora Beth Dorsey

Chief Special Master